

St Michael's Catholic Parish Traralgon

St Michael's Vision Statement: Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic Community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us!

St Michael's Mission Statement:

To provide opportunities for parishioners –

- to grow in holiness
- to discover and live out their personal and community call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

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Statement of Commitment to the safety of children and adults at risk: Central to the mission of St Michael's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and adults at risk and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

Please contact our Safeguarding Officer Shane Reid on 5174 2060 if you have any concerns.

St Michael's Parish Information

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After office hours - in case of an emergency please call 0499 162 313 and leave a message and your contact details. All non-urgent calls should be made during office hours.

Baptisms: Six weeks notice required

Weddings: Six months notice required

Parish Pastoral Council: Lia Di Corleto, Chairperson, Fr Aju, Steve Kimani, Greg Imhagwe, Watson Gomez, Jenifer Hanratty, Judi McLaughlin, Thomas Mathew, Amanda Reid, Jodie Ware, Michelle Charlton, and Doug Doherty.

Our Schools:

St Gabriel's School 5174 5515
Principal: Mrs Michelle Charlton

St Michael's School 5174 3295
Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272
Principal: Mr Ryan Greer

Kildare Campus 5174 8111
St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



Congratulations to our first communion candidates who will receive the holy eucharist for the first time this weekend. We wish all our communion candidates all the very best as they take this next step in their faith journey, please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.' Matthew 28: 16-20

Max Adrichem, Mason Athanasiadis, Scarlett Baxter, William Calabro, Nicolette Chihota, Ruby Coles, Connor Cummins, Harper Cummins, Faith Daniel, Thomas Denyer, Aoife Doherty, Darcie Evans, Oscar Frankland, Leigham Frendo, Sebastian Goicoa, Eve Hanratty, Paige Humphrey, Sofia Inchincoli, Frank Kennedy, Nathan Kimani, Willow Kirby, Harper Kite, Milla Koppen, Wynter Krausz, Jack Krieger, William Lambert, Jack MacGregor, Mila Magaldi, Jaise Maiden, Oscar Marotta, Ryder McGregor, Braith McNeill, Christian Miller, Evelyn Miller, Alice Nye, Tayla Pausic, LilyRose Peterson, Evelyn Phillips, Jack Rankin, Chloe Rawson, Clementine Reid, Pippa Roscoe, Lorenzo Soesanto, Henry Stanistreet, Carter Stone, Justin Te Paa, Olivia Uren, Ella Van der Meer, Jetson Vella, Ruby Veneman, Aayla Villani, Romeo Vitale, Phoebe Walker, Kaiden Warne, Parker Watts, Elicia Weston and Dean Zalesiak.



World Youth Day

For more than 30 years, World Youth Day has been an opportunity for millions of young people around the world to go on pilgrimage and discover how Jesus calls each of us to be his disciples. World Youth Day 2023 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in the month of August. It aims to provide all participants with a universal Church experience, fostering a personal encounter with Jesus, through prayer, music and worship. World Youth Day seeks to promote peace, unity and fraternity among peoples and nations around the world. The Diocese of Sale is organising groups of young people between the ages of 16-35 to join with the Archdiocese of Melbourne to travel to Lisbon. If you are interested, and would like to know more about the pilgrimage, there will be an information night held at St. Agatha's Parish Cranbourne December 12 at 7pm.

Contact the parish office for more information or visit WorldYouthDay.com

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Nov 22	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Nov 23	11:00am Reconciliation
	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm Mass
Thursday Nov 24	9:30am Mass*
Friday Nov 25	9:30am Mass*

*Thursday morning mass will be celebrated **at St Michael's Church** with St Gabriel's Primary School. Friday morning mass will be celebrated with St Michael's Primary school, all are warmly welcome to attend both masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Theo Verstedden, Guido Mosele, Winifred Jenner, and Celie Smith, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Kevin Jones, Sue Stewart, Colleen Bergman, John Black, Bruce Hunter, Ellen (Nell) Hammond, Giovanni Di Sisto, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Mons Bill Caffrey, Francesco Albanese, Eva Tanke, and Francesco Dompietro.

Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: including Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Gary Donchi, Bill Edgar, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Jacqui Granville, Barbara Greaves, Ellen Hammond, Jenny Hansch, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah McKerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Henry Polo, Joan Riggall, Theresa Rosello, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Sharon Veleff, George Walkan, Roy Ward, Victoria Rohli, Father John Speakman, James Whitty, Pasqualina Loprese, Ria Tactor, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.

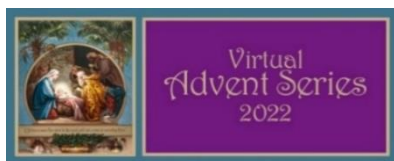


UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 27:** Syro Malabar Mass for the departed, 6pm
- November 29:** CWL Annual General Meeting, 10:30am
- December 4:** Christmas family Mass at 9:30am followed by picnic in the school grounds.
- December 13:** Advent Liturgy in the Church at 7:30pm



CWL AGM: The Catholic Women's League will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday November 29 at 10:30am in the Parish Centre. Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome to join them for a cuppa beforehand from 10am.



Garratt Publishing is presenting a series of free Virtual Advent talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union. This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey. **Tuesdays November 22 & 29 and December 6 & 13, from 7pm – 8pm, via Zoom.** For more information or to register, visit garrattpublishing.com.au

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Wednesday November 23	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday November 24	
9:30am	St Gabriel's Yr 5 & Foundation Mass, St Michael's Church
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Friday November 25	
9:30am	St Michael's Gr 1 & 2 Mass, St Michael's Church

BAPTISMS: The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held **Tuesday December 6th at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to come along to our weekly meetings on Thursday's in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060, if you, or someone you would like some more information.

SYRO MALABAR MASS: We will hold a special Syro Malabar Mass in Malayalam, next Sunday at 6pm in the church to remember our departed loved ones. All are invited to come along and bring a plate to share for supper in the Mary MacKillop Hall afterwards.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS: It is our tradition to pray for those who have died and gone before us, especially in the month of November. You are invited to write the name of the ones you wish to remember in prayer on the separate cards you will find in the church and place them in the large bowl, near the cross. At the beginning of each mass that you attend, take any card from the bowl and pray for the person named. At the end of mass, return the card to the bowl so that others may eventually pray for this person too.

TRARALGON CHRISTMAS PARADE: The Traralgon Community Christmas Parade and Market will be held on Sunday November 27 in the Kay Street Gardens and Traralgon CBD. Kay Street will be closed from Breed Street to Franklin Street so you will need to find parking elsewhere. Please be patient as we expect a lot of families to be in town for the parade which begins at 1030am, so it may be difficult to make a quick exit after mass.



CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE: St Michael's St Vincent de Paul Conference has again organised the Christmas Gifting Tree to be in the Church from Sunday November 20. Parishioners are asked to take a gift tag and return your gift/voucher to the tree before December 11. The conference would like to thank all parishioners for their support throughout the year and wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas.

PIETY STALL NEWS: The Piety Stall will be open after each mass for anyone wanting to purchase first communion gifts. Assorted Christmas Cards are also available, as well as 2023 Columban Calendars for \$10 each.

SYNOD 2021 - 2023: The next phase of the Synod has arrived with the publication of the Continental Document, containing the fruits of the consultation of hundreds of syntheses from countries all over the world. We are now inviting interested people to participate in one of two online meetings to respond to the Document. The Continental Document for the Synod and information on registering your interest can be found by visiting the diocesan website cdsale.org.au/events

Online meetings:

7.00 – 8.30 pm, Wednesday 30 November 2022

7.00 – 8.30 pm, Tuesday 6 December 2022

“Enlarge the space of your tent”

(Is 54:2)



DIocese of Sale- DIOCESAN DIGITAL MEDIA OFFICER: The Catholic Diocese of Sale is seeking to appoint an experienced Digital Media Officer on a part time basis of 4 days per fortnight (0.4 FTE) to assist with the continued development of our Diocese’s social media presence and website. Key responsibilities will include sharing the good news from within our Diocese and from outside sources by way of social media and our websites through periodic new stories; ensuring our website is up to date and easy to access; co-ordinating video messages from our Bishop; and networking and collaborating with our parishes, Catholic Education and other agencies in respect of the Diocese’s digital content management. A Position Description, Application Form, and other relevant information is available by emailing hr@sale.catholic.org.au



St Michael’s Parish Traralgon
Art Competition

THEME: WE ARE WAITING (The Spirit of Christmas)

St Michael’s Parish is running an Art Competition for all school aged students. Get your creative cap on and draw, paint or sketch a masterpiece that represents the theme: We are waiting – the Spirit of Christmas. **Entries close next Sunday November 27** and will be displayed in the Church during Advent. Please submit your entries to the school offices at St Michael’s, or St Gabriel’s, or the Parish office, including your Name, Class, Age, School and a parent’s phone number on the back.

St Michaels Catholic Parish Traralgon

CHRISTMAS

FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH

FAIRY FLOSS . POPCORN . SLUSHIES

9.30am FAMILY MASS

St Michaels Church

PICNIC IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER MASS

BYO: PICNIC LUNCH, CHAIR, RUG

Merry Christmas

FREE ENTRY

ALCOHOL FREE ZONE

LIVE MUSIC

DRESS CHRISTMASSY

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”
(Colossians 1:12)

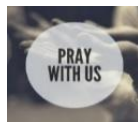
God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can’t do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire “things.” Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.



KNOW YOU’RE A-Z: Prevent violence against women- challenge gender stereotypes and promote respect. **E- Encourage men and boys to talk about their thoughts and emotions.**



Summary points from the Diocesan Synthesis: YOUTH & YOUNG PEOPLE. We are to listen more attentively to the hopes and aspirations of our young people and explore ways in which deeper connections with them and their families can be developed.



WE PRAY FOR JOY: Pray that God fills our young people with the kind of joy that can only come from Him. **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16: 11**

Rosters for November 26 & 27 2022			First Sunday in Advent, Year A		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Nov 26 5:00pm	R Foote & T Larkin	M Noone	M Saunders	A Membrey	Diamente Family
Sunday Nov 27 9:30am	K & L Roy	C McCabe	S Hemming	D Bau & W Banks-Smith	Charismatic Choir
Sunday Nov 27 5:00pm	C Hill	S Darby	V Vaz	J McLaughlin	Jane & Simon
Mick’s Kitchen:	Nov 24 th Burns Team		Dec 22 nd Christmas Celebration		
November Church Cleaning:	Collis Team				

Entrance Antiphon Rv 5:12 1:6

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.*

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm PS 121:1-5 R see v2

(R.) *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**



Next weeks Readings
First Sunday in Advent

1 st Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5
2 nd Reading	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44

Second Reading 2 Col 1:12-20

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

*blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'